

Promotion of Buddhism based Cultural and Heritage Tourism

1952. SHRI YADLAPTI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to promote Buddhism based cultural and heritage tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the investments proposed to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Bauddha Mahotsava Festival was held at Deskit, Nubra in the State of Jammu and Kashmir from July 24 to 26, 2001. The festivals are also proposed to be held in States of Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and West Bengal. The details are as follows:—

1. Kalpa, Himachal Pradesh	Sept. 15-16, 2001
2. Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh	Oct. 13-14, 2001
3. Jaigaon, West Bengal	Nov. 24-25, 2001

(c) The total budget for the above festivals is Rs. 10.00 lakhs each, 50% of which is Central Share.

Action Plan for Development of tourism in Chhattisgarh and Gujarat

1953. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have drawn any action plan for the development of tourism in the states of Chhattisgarh and Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the complete details of the plan of Government and how much money has been earmarked for the purpose;